

Application Serial No. 10/709,565

D. **REMARKS**

Upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-44 will be pending in this application with claims 1, 20, 30, 36, 41 and 43 being independent claims. Support for the claimed subject matter is found throughout the specification. No new matter is being been added.

**Amendments to the Specification**

The Preliminary Amendment makes amendments to the specification and the ABSTRACT to reflect the claimed subject matter.

**Amendments to the Claims**

The Preliminary Amendment makes amendments to claims 1, 16, 19, 30, and 36 and adds claims 41-44. Applicant submits that claims 1-44 contain allowable subject matter.

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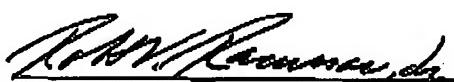
**E. CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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